Olympic Wrestling

Olympic wrestling is a very old sport that has been practiced in the Olympic Games or a form of the Olympic Games since the Roman age. This sport is practiced in the Greco style in the Olympics and there are several interesting facts about it that you should know. First thing is the weight classes and the champions of the 80’s. The second thing is the rules of Greco wrestling. The third and final thing is the history of the whole deal.

There have been lots of very determined and accomplished champions of the great tradition of Olympic wrestling that have entertained us and invigorated us with there striking accomplishments. Unfortunately I only have enough time and I have only been given the 80’s to work with. We will start with the agile men of the light fly weight class. Which contains the man who won the Gold in 1980 Zaksylik Ushkempirov, URS who won with a score of 1.5 to 0. The next weight class is flyweight which holds the fast gold medalists of 1980 Vakhtang Blagidze, URS who won with the score of 1 to nothing it was a very close and exciting match. The next weight class is Bantamweight who’s gold medalist of 1980 is Shamil Serikov, URS who one with another close score of 1 to 0.

The next weight class which contains the start of the stronger weight classes but still features people with the quick ness of animals is the Feather weight class. The champion of this weight class in 1980 was Stylianos Mygiakis, GRE who won with a score to 2 to 0 a more decisive win, barley topping the other ones. The next weight class is the light weights. The gold medalist of this weight class in 1980 was Stefan Rusu, ROM who won with a score of 2 to 0. After the light weights come the welterweights. In 1980 the lucky person who took home the gold was Ferenc Kocsis, HUN who won with a 2 to 0 victory. Incase you can’t tell there is a reoccurring theme here that all of the matches in the Olympics are very closely contested. After the welterweights come the Middleweights. The gold medalists of this weight class were Gennady Koran, URS who won with a score of 2 to 0. After the middle weights comes the larger men of the light heavy weights these men win with mostly there power. The gold medalists of this weight class in 1980was Norbert Növényi, HUN who won wit once again another close match of 2 to 0. After them come the much larger men of the Heavyweights. In 1980 the gold medalist of this weight class was Georgi Raikov, BUL who was victorious with a score of 2 to 0. The final weight class is the gargantuan men of the super heavyweights. For the grand finally of the 1980 Wrestling portion of the Olympics Aleksandr Kolchinsky, URS to home the gold with a victory of 1 to 0 to end the years close matches. (<http://www.hickoksports.com/history/olwrestg.shtml>)

The next thing that you should know about this is the rules of Greco wrestling. First thing that it is illegal to have a hold below the waste. Second thing is they have a thing called touch falls. This is when a wrestler is thrown and let go and if his shoulders touch the mat he is pinned. Also you can not use trips to take an opponent this results in more dramatic throws. One to five points can be awarded according to how devastating and how techniqual the take down is. Also one point is given for a reversal. (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Greco-Roman\_wrestling)

The final thing I think you should know about this is the history of Greco roman Wrestling. It was introduced to the Olympics in 1906. From 1938 to 1980 a round robin competition was used for tournaments. Weight limits have changed a couple of times through the years which has because many new weight classed to be made. The most recently added weight class was the super heavyweights so that those giants could participate in these events. (http://www.hickoksports.com/history/olwrestg.shtml)

In conclusion the history of Olympic wrestling is very in depth including the great year of 1980. There are many weight classes that have had many great champions. The rules of this sport in the 80’s help make for a brutal match.